#### FORTY-THIRD DAY

(Friday, March 24, 1939)

The House met at 10:00 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Hon. Homer Leon-

The roll of the House was called, and the following Members were pres-

Mr. Speaker Gilmer Allen Goodman Allison Gordon, Mrs. Alsup Hale Anderson Hamilton Bailey Hankamer Baker Hardeman of Fort Bend Hardin Baker of Grayson Harp Rell Harper Blankenship Harrell of Bastrop Bond Harrell of Lamar Boyd Harris Boyer Hartzog Bradbury Heflin Bradford Holland Bray Howard Bridgers Howington Broadfoot Hull Brown of Cherokee Hunt Isaacks Johnson of Ellis of Nacogdoches Bundy Johnson of Tarrant Burkett Keith Burney Kennedy Cauthorn Kern Celaya  $\mathbf{Kerr}$ Chambers Kersey Clark Kinard Cleveland King Cockrell Langdon Coleman Lehman Colquitt Leonard Cornett Leyendecker Colson, Mrs. Little Corry Lock Crossley Loggins Daniel London Davis of Jasper Mays McAlister Davis of Upshur Dean McDaniel Derden McDonald Dickison McFarland Dickson McMurry Donaghey McNamara Dwyer Mohrmann

 $\mathbf{M}$ onkhouse

Morris

Newell

Oliver

Nicholson

Montgomery

Faulkner

Ferguson

Galbreath

Fielden

Fuchs

Felty

Pace Spencer Petsch Stinson Pevehouse Stoll Piner Talbert Tarwater Pope Ragsdale Taylor Reader of Bexar Tennant Thornberry Reader of Erath Thornton Reaves Reed Turner Rhodes Vale  $\mathbf{Vint}^{-1}$ Riviere Voigt Roach Roberts Waggoner Weldon Robinson Russell Wells Schuenemann  $\mathbf{Westbrook}$ White Segrist Shell Wilson Skiles Winfree Smith of Frio Wood Smith of Hopkins Worley Wright Smith of Matagorda

Absent—Excused

Dowell

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George W. Coltrin, Chaplain, as follows:

"Almighty God, Thy ways are not our ways, and Thy thoughts are not our thoughts. We pray that we may more and more conform to Thy ways and that Thou mayest own and bless our efforts. Overrule our errors, and may Thy will be done in us. In Jssus' name. Amen."

# COMMUNICATION FROM HON. R. EMMETT MORSE

The Chair laid before the House, and had read, the following communication from Hon. R. Emmett Morse:

E. R. Lindley, Chief Clerk, House of

Representatives.

During my absence from the House of Representatives, on Friday, March 24, 1939, I hereby designate the Hon. Homer Leonard to preside in my absence.

R. EMMETT MORSE.

# LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following Member was granted leave of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Dowell for today, on motion of Mr. Morris.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 238 PRINTED Coleman ON MINORITY REPORT Cornett

Mr. Hale moved that House Bill No. 238, reported adversely, with a minority favorable report, be printed.

Mr. Mays moved to table the motion by Mr. Hale.

Question recurring on the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded.

The roll of the House was called and the vote announced, as follows—Yeas, 67; Nays, 65.

A verification of the vote was requested.

The roll of the "yeas" and "nays" was again called and the verified vote resulted, as follows:

#### Yeas-63

Alsup Howard Bond Hull Bover Kinard Bradford Little Broadfoot Loggins Bundy Mays Burkett McAlister Clark McDonald Cleveland McFarland McMurry Cockrell Colquitt McNamara Colson, Mrs. Montgomery Corry Newell Dean Nicholson Derden Pace Petsch Dickson Faulkner Pope Felty Reader of Bexar Ferguson Rhodes Fuchs Roberts Gilmer Schuenemann Goodman Shell Gordon, Mrs. Smith of Frio Hamilton Stinson Hankamer Tarwater Hardeman Thornton Hardin Vale Harp VoigtHarper Waggoner Harris Wilson Hartzog WinfreeHeflin

# Nays—73

Allen	Boyd
Allison	Bradbury
Bailey	Brown of Cherokee
Baker	Brown
of Fort Bend	of Nacogdoches
Baker of Grayson	Burney
Bell	Cauthorn
Blankenship	Chambers

Coleman	Morris
Cornett	Oliver
Crossley	Pevehouse
Daniel	Ragsdale
Davis of Jasper	Reader of Erath
Davis of Upshur	Reaves
Donaghey	Reed
Fielden	Riviere
Galbreath	Roach
Hale	Robinson
Harrell of Bastrop	
Harrell of Lamar	Segrist
Holland	Skiles
Howington	Smith of Hopkins
Hunt	Spencer
Isaacks	Stoll
Johnson of Ellis	Talbert
Kennedy	Taylor
Kern	Tennant
Kerr	Thornberry
Kersey	Turner
King	Vint
Langdon	Weldon
Lehman	Wells
Leyendecker .	Westbrook
Lock	White
London	Wood
McDaniel	Worley
Mohrmann	Wright
Monkhouse	<u> </u>
A T.	

# Absent

Anderson	Johnson of Tarrant
Bray	Keith
Bridgers	Piner
Celaya	Smith
Dickison	of Matagorda
Dwyer	

#### Absent—Excused

#### Dowell

The Chair announced that the motion to table was lost.

# REASON FOR VOTE

I voted "nay" on the motion to table, because I favor elimination of unnecessary boards, bureaus, agencies and commissions as an economy move.

# SPENCER.

Question then recurring on the motion by Mr. Hale that House Bill No. 238 be printed on a minority report, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

#### Yeas—73

Allen	Baker of Grayson
Allison	Bell
Bailey	Blankenship
Baker	Boyd
of Fort Bend	Bradbury

Brown of Cherokee McDaniel Mohrmann Monkhouse of Nacogdoches Burney Morris Cauthorn Oliver Chambers Pevehouse Cockrell Piner Ragsdale Coleman Reader of Erath Cornett Crossley Reaves

Crossley
Davis of Upshur
Ferguson
Fielden
Galbreath
Harp
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Harrell of Bastrop Smith of Hopkins Harrell of Lamar Spencer Stoll Holland Howington Talbert Hunt Taylor Isaacks Tennant Johnson of Ellis Thornberry Kennedy Turner Kern  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{int}}$ Kerr Voigt Kersey WeldonKing Wells Langdon Westbrook Leyendecker White Little  $\mathbf{W}$ orley Lock Wright

Nays—70.

Alsup Hamilton Anderson Hankamer Bond Hardeman Boyer Hardin Bradford ' Harper Bray Harris Bridgers Hartzog Broadfoot Heflin Bundy Howard Burkett Hull

London

Celaya Johnson of Tarrant Clark Kinard Cleveland Lehman Colquitt Loggins Colson, Mrs. Mays McAlister Corry Davis of Jasper McDonald McFarland Dean McMurry Derden Dickison McNamara Dickson Montgomery Donaghey Nicholson Dwyer Pace Petsch Faulkner

Felty Pope
Fuchs Reader of Bexar
Gilmer Rhodes
Goodman Roberts
Gordon, Mrs. Schuenemann

Segrist Thornton
Shell Vale
Smith of Frio Waggoner
Smith Wilson
of Matagorda Winfree
Stinson Wood
Tarwater

Absent

Daniel Newell Keith

Absent-Excused

Dowell

# MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, March 24, 1939. Hon. R. Emmett Morse, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House the Senate has passed the following:

H. B. No. 473, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the office of County Purchasing Agent in all counties in this State having a population of more than 140,000 inhabitants and less than 290,000 inhabitants, and wherein is situated an incorporated city of more than 140,000 inhabitants, according to the last preceding Federal Census; etc., and declaring an emergency." (With amendment.)

H. B. No. 800, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful to hunt, shoot, or kill any wild deer and wild turkey for a period of three (3) years in certain counties, etc., and declaring an emergency." (With amendment.)

H. C. R. No. 30, Accepting a donation from the Houston Light Guard Veterans Association, Inc., etc. (With amendment.)

H. B. No. 193, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners' Court in each county in this State according to the last preceding Federal Census, to allow each County Commissioner certain expenses for traveling, etc., and declaring an emergency." (With amendment.)

H. B. No. 350, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 198 of Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, as amended by Acts, 1927, Fortieth Legislature, page 378, Chapter 255, as amended by Acts, 1929, Forty-first Legislature, etc., and declaring an emergency." (With amendment.)

H. B. No. 408, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing and fixing compensation for County Commissioners in

certain counties, and declaring an emergency." (With amendment.)

H. B. No. 542, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending House Bill No. 725, Acts of the Forty-fifth Legislature approved May 5, 1937, and creating San Antonio River Canal and Conservancy District, etc., and declaring an emergency." (With amendment."

H. B. No. 572, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the transfer of causes from the County Criminal Court of Dallas County, and declaring an emergency." (With amendment.)

H. C. R. No. 47, Urging Congress to pass the appropriation bill for the eradication of the pink boll worm now before the Congress. (With amendment.)

H. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2687, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, prescribing the time of meeting of the County Board of School Trustees in counties containing a certain population, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for and create a City-County Health Unit in any county containing an incorporated city having a population of not less than ninety thousand inhabitants nor more than one hundred and twenty thousand inhabitants, according to the last preceding Federal Census, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the County School Boards of Trustees of certain counties to set aside an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Dollars to defray the expenses of the County Superintendent and County School Board of Trustees in the administration of scholastic affairs; etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 239, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the amount that may be allowed by County Boards of Trustees to the County Superintendents of Public Instruction for expenditures for office and traveling expenses in certain counties according to the last preceding Federal Census; making this Act cumulative of all General Laws on the same subject, such General Laws to apply except in case of conflict when the provisions of this Act shall control, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 300, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the open season for taking squirrels in Shelby County; providing a suitable penalty for violation of this Act, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 362, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending House Bill No. 309, being Chapter 53, page 101 of the Acts of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session (1927) as amended by Senate Bill No. 520, being Chapter 210, page 499 of the Acts of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session (1935), and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 468, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and empowering the Commissioners' Courts in counties having a population of less than twenty thousand, according to the last preceding Federal Census and a property valuation of more than One Hundred Million Dollars, according to the last approved county tax rolls, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 532, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Chapter 223 of the Acts of 1937, Forty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 558, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation out of the General Fund of the State of Texas for the Secretary of State, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 559, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners' Court in certain counties, taxable valuation according to the last available tax rolls to allow each County Commissioner in such county certain expenses for traveling, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate has granted the request of the House for a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses on House Bill No. 474.

The following have been appointed on the part of the Senate: Senators Pace, Van Zandt, Burns, Nelson and Cotten.

Has passed

H. B. No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the compensation of sheriffs in all counties of the State of Texas having a population of not less than twenty-seven thousand, two hundred and thirty-five and not more than twenty-seven thousand, three hundred, according to the last preced-

ing Federal Census, in which there are no District Attorneys, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 599, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of Stephens County, Texas, and to conform the jurisdiction of the District Courts of such county to such change; to preserve the jurisdiction and power of the County Court of Stephens County, Texas, over certain final judgments rendered prior to the passage of this Act, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 611, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a Special Road Law for Carson County, Texas, providing that said County may fund or refund the indebtedness outstanding against its Road and Bridge Fund as of January 31, 1939, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 648, A bill to be entitled "An Act regarding the trapping, taking and killing of wild fox in Bell County, for a period of two (2) years; providing conditions and exceptions, etc., and declaring an emergency.'

H. B. No. 654, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful to trap, snare, shoot, catch, or kill any wild fox in Nacogdoches County for a period of two years, and declaring and emergency.'

H. B. No. 711, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a more adequate and equitable salary of County Superintendents of Public Instruction, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 744, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the purpose of better preserving the game and fish resources of Calhoun, Matagorda and Jackson Counties, by closing certain waters, etc., and declaring an emergency.'

H. B. No. 769, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 326 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency.'

H. B. No. 783, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a closed season upon wild deer, buck, doe, fawn, or wild turkey for a period of five years, in San Augustine and Sabine Counties, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 804, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, kill or attempt to kill by any means whatsoever, any wild turkey, Chachalaca, or wild Mexican pheasant in the County of Comal lars or more, according to its latest

for a period of four years, and de-claring an emergency."

H. B. No. 805, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing House Bill No. 138, Chapter 63, page 1990, Special Laws of the Second Called Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature, and declaring an emergency.

H. B. No. 806, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for and fixing compensation for County Auditors in certain counties, and declaring an emergency.'

H. B. No. 817, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6869, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, as amended by Acts, 1929, Forty-first Legislature, providing for the number of Deputy Sheriffs in counties having a certain population, according to the last preceding Federal Census, and having a certain property valuation, and declaring an emergency.'

H. B. No. 825, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating any orders and proceedings directed toward the issuance of bonds for Justice Precinct No. 5 of Falls County, and declaring an emergency.

H. B. No. 830, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate, ratify, approve, confirm, and declare enforceable all levies and assessments of ad valorem heretofore made by certain taxes county line independent school districts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 844, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal House Bill No. 579, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature, making it unlawful for any person to take or catch any fish in the waters of any stream, lake, pool, or reservoir of certain counties in this State during the months of April and May of each year; fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 216, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 17, House Bill No. 68, Chapter 3, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature, and declaring an emergency.'

S. B. No. 256, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing towns and villages, heretofore incorporated under Chapter 12, of Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and amendments thereto, having an assessed valuation for taxable purposes of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dolapproved tax rolls, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 308, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the maximum fees of county officials in certain counties, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 335, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for additional return and appearance days for civil citations, writs, process and causes of action, in District Courts in each Judicial District of this State composed of two (2) or more counties, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 338, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the maximum rate to be levied for school purposes in all independent school districts which include within their limits an incorporated city or town which according to the then latest Federal Census had a population of not fewer than four thousand, four hundred fifty (4,450) and not more than four thousand, four hundred eighty-five (4,485), and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER, Secretary of the Senate.

# BILLS RE-REFERRED

Mr. Dwyer moved that House Bill No. 451 be withdrawn from the Committee on Revenue and Taxation, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Nicholson moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 451 was withdrawn from the Committee on Revenue and Taxation, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Dwyer moved to table the motion to reconsider.

Question recurring on the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

# Yeas—91

Allen Bundy Allison Burkett Anderson Burney Bailey Cauthorn Baker of Grayson Chambers Cockrell Bell Boyd Coleman Bradbury Cornett Bridgers Crossley

Brown Davis of Jasper of Nacogdoches Davis of Upshur

Derden Mohrmann Dickison Montgomery Dickson Morris Newell Faulkner Feltv Oliver Ferguson Pace Fielden Petsch Pevehouse Fuchs Galbreath Piner Ragsdale Gordon, Mrs. Reader of Bexar Hale Hardeman Reader of Erath Hardin Reaves Riviere Harp Harrell of Bastrop Robinson Harrell of Lamar Russell Harris Skiles Smith of Frio Heflin Holland Smith of Hopkins Howard Smith of Matagorda Howington Isaacks Spencer Kennedy Stoll Kern Tarwater Kerr Thornberry Kersey Turner King Vint Langdon Voigt Lehman Weldon Levendecker Wells Lock Westbrook White Loggins London Wilson McDaniel Winfree

# Nays—45

Wright

McMurry

Baker

of Fort Bend

McNamara

Alsup Johnson of Tarrant Blankenship Kinard Bond Little Mays Boyer McAlister Bradford McDonald Bray Brown of Cherokee McFarland Clark Monkhouse Cleveland Nicholson Colquitt Pope Colson, Mrs. Reed Daniel Roach Dean Roberts Donaghey Schuenemann Gilmer Shell Goodman Talbert Hamilton Taylor Hankamer Tennant Harper Thornton Hartzog Waggoner  $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}$ ood Hull Hunt Worley Johnson of Ellis Absent

Broadfoot

Celaya

Corry Segrist
Dwyer Stinson
Keith Vale

Rhodes

Absent—Excused

Dowell

Mr. Davis of Upshur moved that House Bill No. 773 be withdrawn from the Committee on Revenue and Taxation, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Boyer moved, as a substitute motion, that House Bill No. 773 be withdrawn from the Committee on Revenue and Taxation, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Davis of Upshur moved to table the substitute motion, by Mr. Boyer.

The motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the substitute motion, by Mr. Boyer, it prevailed.

# INSTRUCTING COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS TO REPORT CERTAIN BILL

Mr. Bradbury moved that the Committee on State Affairs be instructed to report House Bill No. 86 to the House, not later than Tuesday, March 28.

The motion prevailed.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 572 WITH SEN-ATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Reed called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 572, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the transfer of causes from the County Criminal Court of Dallas County, Texas, to the County Courts at Law of Dallas County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The Chair laid the bill before the House, with the Senate amendments,

On motion of Mr. Reed, the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

Yeas—137

Kerr

Kersey

Kinard

Langdon

Lehman

King

Allen Bell
Allison Blankenship
Alsup Bond
Bailey Boyd
Baker Boyer
of Fort Bend Bradbury
Baker of Grayson Bradford

Bray Bridgers Leyendecker Little Broadfoot Lock Brown of Cherokee Loggins London of Nacogdoches Mays McAlister Bundy McDaniel Burney Cauthorn McDonald McMurry Celaya Chambers McNamara Clark Mohrmann Cleveland Monkhouse Montgomery Cockrell Colquitt Morris Colson, Mrs. Newell Oliver Cornett Pace Crossley Petsch Daniel Davis of Jasper Pevehouse Davis of Upshur Piner Pope Dean Ragsdale Derden Reader of Bexar Dickison Reader of Erath Dickson Reaves Donaghey Reed Dwyer Rhodes Faulkner Felty Riviere Ferguson Fielden Roach Roberts Robinson Fuchs Galbreath Russell Gilmer Schuenemann Segrist Goodman Shell Gordon, Mrs. Skiles Hale Smith of Frio Hamilton Smith of Hopkins Hankamer Smith Hardeman of Matagorda Harp Spencer Harper Harrell of Bastrop Stinson Stoll Harrell of Lamar Talbert Harris Tarwater Hartzog Taylor Heflin Tennant Holland Thornberry Howard Howington Thornton Hull Turner Vale Hunt Isaacks Vint Johnson of Ellis Voigt Johnson of Tarrant Waggoner Kennedy Weldon Kern Wells

White

Wood

 $\mathbf{W}$ ilson

Winfree

Worley

Wright

# Present—Not Voting

#### Westbrook

#### Absent

Anderson Hardin
Burkett Keith
Coleman McFarland
Corry Nicholson

#### Absent—Excused

#### Dowell

# HOUSE BILL NO. 408 WITH SEN-ATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Ragsdale called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 408, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing and fixing compensation for County Commissioners in certain counties, and declaring an emergency."

The Chair laid the bill before the House, with the Senate amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ragsdale, the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

# Yeas-139

Allen	Cornett
Allison	Colson, Mrs.
Alsup	Corry
Anderson	Crossley
Bailey	Daniel
Baker	Davis of Jasper
of Fort Bend	Davis of Upshur
Baker of Grayson	Dean
Bell	Derden
Blankenship	Dickison
Boyd	Dickson
Boyer	Donaghey
Bradbury	Dwyer
Bradford	Faulkner
Bray	Felty
Bridgers	Ferguson
Broadfoot	Fielden
Brown of Cherokee	Fuchs
Brown	Galbreath
of Nacogdoches	Gilmer
Bundy	Goodman
Burkett	Gordon, Mrs.
Burney	Hale
Cauthorn	Hamilton
Celaya	Hankamer
Chambers	Hardeman
Clark	Harp
Cleveland	Harper
Cockrell	Harrell of Bastrop
Coleman	Harrell of Lamar
Colquitt	Harris

Hartzog Pope Ragsdale Heflin Reader of Erath Holland Howard Reaves Howington Reed Rhodes Hull Hunt Riviere Isaacks Roach Johnson of Ellis Roberts Johnson of Tarrant Robinson Kennedy Russell Kern Schuenemann Kerr Shell Kersey Skiles Smith of Frio Kinard Smith of Hopkins King Langdon Smith of Matagorda Lehman Leyendecker Stinson Little Stoll Talbert Lock Loggins Tarwater Taylor London Mays Tennant McAlister Thornberry McDaniel Thornton McDonald Turner McFarland Vale McMurry Vint McNamara Voigt Mohrmann Waggoner Weldon Monkhouse Montgomery Wells Morris Westbrook Newell White Oliver Wilson Pace Winfree Petsch Wood Pevehouse Worley Piner Wright

#### Present—Not Voting

#### Spencer

#### Absent

Bond Nicholson Hardin Reader of Bexar Keith Segrist

# Absent—Excused

#### Dowell

# HOUSE BILL NO. 473 WITH SEN-ATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Johnson of Tarrant called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 473, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the office of County Purchasing Agent in all counties in this State having a population of more

than one hundred and forty thousand (140,000) inhabitants and less than two hundred and ninety thousand (290,000) inhabitants, and wherein is situated an incorporated city of more than one hundred and forty thousand (140,000) inhabitants, according to the last preceding Federal Census; providing generally the rights, powers and duties of such Agent in reference to the handling and purchase of supplies, materials and equipment and in reference to contracting for repairs to property, and for expenditures generally; providing the means, manner and method of appointment, tenure and compensation of said Agent; prescribing offenses, fines and penalties; prescribing the duties of certain other officers in connection therewith; and providing that if any portion of this Act is held unconstitutional the remaining part of said Act will remain unaffected, and declaring an emergency."

The Chair laid the bill before the House, with the Senate amendments.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Tarrant, the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

# Yeas-138

100
Colson, Mrs.
Cornett
Corry
Crossley
Daniel
Davis of Jasper
Davis of Upshur
Dean
Derden
Dickison
Donaghey
Dwyer
Faulkner
Felty
Ferguson
Fielden
Fuchs
Galbreath
Gilmer
Goodman
Gordon, Mrs.
Hale
Hamilton
Hankamer
Hardeman
Hardin
Harp
Harper
Harrell of Bastrop
Harrell of Lamar

Harris

Colquitt

Hartzog Ragsdale Heflin Reader of Erath Howard Reaves Reed Howington Hull Rhodes Riviere Hunt Roach **Isaacks** Johnson of Ellis Roberts Johnson of Tarrant Robinson Russell Kennedy Schuenemann Kern Shell Kerr Skiles Kersey Smith of Frio Kinard Smith of Hopkins King LangdonSmith of Matagorda Lehman Spencer Leyendecker Stinson Little Talbert Lock Tarwater Loggins London Taylor Tennant Mays Thornberry McAlister Thornton McDaniel McDonald Turner Vale McFarland Vint McMurry McNamara Voigt Waggoner Mohrmann Monkhouse WeldonWells Montgomery Westbrook Morris White Newell Oliver  ${f Wilson}$ Winfree Pace Wood Petsch Pevehouse Worley Wright Piner Pope Absent ·

Cauthorn Nicholson
Dickson Reader of Bexar
Holland Segrist
Keith Stoll

# Absent—Excused

Dowell

# HOUSE BILL NO. 542 WITH SEN-ATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Felty called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments.

H. B. No. 542, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending House Bill No. 726, Acts of the Forty-fifth Legislature, approved May 5, 1937, and creating San Antonio River Canal and Conservancy District under authority of

Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas to be a governmental agency, municipality, body politic and corporate; defining certain words and phrases used certain words and phrases used therein; defining the boundaries of said District and ways of extending same; declaring creation of this District essential to accomplishment of purposes of Section 59 of Article 16, constitution of State of Texas; providing the said District shall not levy nor collect taxes nor pledge credit of the State; . . . etc.; providing for enforcement of penalties; providing for duties of State Board of Water Engineers, and Reclamation Engineers; providing for Board of nine (9) Directors, etc."

The Chair laid the bill before the House, with the Senate amendments.

On motion of Mr. Felty, the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

#### Yeas—136

Allen Dean Allison Derden Alsup Dickison Anderson Donaghey Bailey Dwyer Baker Faulkner of Fort Bend Felty Baker of Grayson Ferguson Fielden  $\mathbf{Bell}$ Blankenship **Fuchs** Bond Galbreath Boyd Gilmer Boyer Goodman Bradbury Gordon, Mrs. Bradford Hale Bray Hamilton **Bridgers** Hankamer Broadfoot Hardeman Brown of Cherokee Harp Harper Harrell of Bastrop of Nacogdoches Bundy Harrell of Lamar Burkett Harris Burney Hartzog Heflin Celava Holland Chambers Clark Howard Cleveland Howington Cockrell Hull Colquitt Hunt Colson, Mrs. Isaacks Johnson of Ellis Cornett Corry Crossley Johnson of Tarrant Kennedy Kern Daniel Davis of Jasper Kerr Davis of Upshur Kersey

Kinard Roach King Roberts Langdon Robinson Lehman Russell Leyendecker Schuenemann Little Shell Lock Skiles Loggins Smith of Frio Smith of Hopkins London Mays Smith McAlister of Matagorda McDaniel Spencer McFarland Stinson Talbert McMurry McNamara Tarwater Mohrmann Taylor Monkhouse Tennant Montgomery Thornberry Morris Thornton Newell Turner Nicholson Vale Oliver Vint WaggonerPace Petsch Weldon Piner Wells Pope Westbrook Ragsdale White Reader of Bexar WilsonReader of Erath Winfree Wood Reaves Worley Reed Rhodes Wright Riviere

#### Absent.

Cauthorn McDonald Coleman Pevehouse Dickson Segrist Hardin Stoll Keith Voigt

#### Absent—Excused

# Dowell

Mr. Reed moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 542.

Mr. Felty moved to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the motion to reconsider, it prevailed.

Question—Shall the House concur in the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 542?

The House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

# Yeas-128

Allen Anderson Allison Bailey

Kern

Baker Kerr of Fort Bend Kersey Kinard Baker of Grayson King Langdon Blankenship Bond Lehman Boyd Little Boyer Lock Loggins Bradbury Bradford London Mays Bray McAlister Bridgers McDaniel Broadfoot Brown of Cherokee McDonald McFarland Bundy McMurry Burkett McNamara Burney Mohrmann Cauthorn Monkhouse Chambers Montgomery Clark Morris Cleveland Cockrell Newell Nicholson Coleman Oliver Colquitt Colson, Mrs. Pace Pevehouse Cornett Piner Corry Crossley Pope Reader of Erath Daniel Rhodes Davis of Jasper Riviere Dickison Roach Dickson Roberts Donaghey Robinson Dwyer Faulkner Russell Schuenemann Felty Segrist Ferguson Shell Fuchs Galbreath Skiles Gilmer Smith of Frio Smith of Hopkins Goodman Spencer Gordon, Mrs. Stinson Hale Hamilton Stoll Talbert Hankamer Tarwater Hardeman Taylor Hardin Tennant Harp Thornberry Harper Harrell of Bastrop Thornton Turner Harrell of Lamar Vale Harris  ${f Vint}$ Heflin Voigt Holland Waggoner Howington Weldon Hull Wells Hunt Isaacks Westbrook Johnson of Ellis Wilson Johnson of Tarrant Winfree Worley Keith Wright Kennedy

Nays-4

Alsup Reed Davis of Upshur Wood

#### Absent

Brown Petsch
of Nacogdoches Ragsdale
Celaya Reader of Bexar

Dean Reaves
Derden Smith

Fielden of Matagorda

Hartzog White

Howard Leyendecker

#### Absent—Excused

#### Dowell

Mr. Anderson moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 542, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 193 WITH SEN-ATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Burkett called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments.

H. B. No. 193, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners Court in each county in this State having a population of not less than twelve thousand, seven hundred (12,700) nor more than twelve thousand, nine hundred (12,900), according to the last preceding Federal Census, to allow each County Commissioner certain expenses for traveling and in connection with the use of his automobile on official business only and/or in overseeing the construction work on public roads of the county; requiring each such Commissioner to pay the expense of operation and repair of such vehicle so used by him without any further expense whatsoever to the county, and declaring an emergency."

The Chair laid the bill before the House, with the Senate amendments.

On motion of Mr. Burkett, the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

Yeas—137

Allen Alsup Allison Anderson

Johnson of Ellis Bailey Johnson of Tarrant Baker of Fort Bend Keith Baker of Grayson Kennedy BellKern Kerr Bond Boyd Kersey Boyer Kinard Bradbury King Bradford Langdon Bray Lehman Bridgers Leyendecker Brown of Cherokee Little Brown Lock of Nacogdoches London Bundy Mays McAlister Burkett Burney McDaniel Cauthorn McDonald Chambers McFarland Clark McMurry Cleveland McNamara Cockrell Mohrmann Monkhouse Coleman Colquitt Montgomery Colson, Mrs. Morris Cornett Newell Nicholson Crossley Oliver Daniel Davis of Jasper Pace Davis of Upshur Petsch Dean Pevehouse Derden Piner Dickison Pope Ragsdale Dickson Donaghey Reader of Bexar Faulkner Reader of Erath Reaves Felty Ferguson Reed Fielden Rhodes Riviere Fuchs Galbreath Roach Gilmer Roberts Goodman Robinson Gordon, Mrs. Russell Hale Schuenemann Hamilton Segrist Hankamer Shell Smith of Frio Hardeman Smith of Hopkins Hardin Harp Smith Harper of Matagorda Harrell of Bastrop Spencer Harrell of Lamar Stinson Harris Stoll Talbert Hartzog Taylor Heflin Tennant Holland Thornberry Howard Thornton Howington Hull Turner Vale Hunt Isaacks Vint

Voigt Wilson
Waggoner Winfree
Weldon Wood
Wells Worley
White Wright

Present—Not Voting

Broadfoot

Westbrook

## Absent

Blankenship Loggins
Celaya Skiles
Corry Tarwater
Dwyer

Absent-Excused

Dowell

# HOUSE BILL NO. 350 WITH SEN-ATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Vale called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 350, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 198, Title 8, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

The Chair laid the bill before the House, with the Senate amendments.

On motion of Mr. Vale, the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

#### Yeas—138

Allen Cleveland Allison Cockrell Alsup Coleman Anderson Colquitt Bailey Colson, Mrs. Cornett Baker of Fort Bend Corry Crossley Baker of Grayson Daniel Bell Bond Davis of Jasper Boyd Davis of Upshur Boyer Dean Bradbury Derden Bradford Dickison Dickson Brav **Bridgers** Donaghey Faulkner Broadfoot Brown of Cherokee Felty Ferguson Fielden Brown of Nacogdoches **Fuchs** Bundy Galbreath Burkett Gilmer Burney Cauthorn Goodman Gordon, Mrs. Chambers Clark Hale

Hamilton Pevehouse Hankamer Piner Pope Hardeman Ragsdale Hardin Reader of Bexar Harp Reader of Erath Harper Harrell of Bastrop Reaves Reed Harris Rhodes Hartzog Heflin Riviere Holland Roach Howard Roberts Howington Robinson Russell Hull Schuenemann Hunt Isaacks Segrist Johnson of Ellis Shell Johnson of Tarrant Skiles Smith of Frio Keith Smith of Hopkins Kennedy Kern Smith Kerr of Matagorda Spencer Kersey Kinard Stinson King Stoll Langdon  $\mathbf{Talbert}$ Tarwater Lehman Leyendecker Taylor Tennant Little Thornberry Lock Thornton London Turner Mays McAlister  $\mathbf{Vale}$  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{int}}$ McDonald McMurry Voigt McNamara Waggoner Weldon Mohrmann Monkhouse Wells Westbrook Montgomery White Morris Newell WilsonNicholson Winfree Oliver Wood Pace Worley Petsch Absent

Blankenship Loggins
Celaya McDaniel
Dwyer McFarland
Harrell of Lamar Wright

# Absent—Excused

# Dowell

# HOUSE BILL NO. 800 WITH SEN-ATE AMENDMENTS

Mrs. Colson called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments.

H. B. No. 800, A bill to be entitled Fielde "An Act making it unlawful to hunt, Fuchs

shoot or kill any wild deer and/or wild turkey for a period of three (3) years from and after the effective date of this Act in the Counties of Grimes and Brazos, State of Texas; fixing a penalty; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith in so far as they apply to Grimes and Brazos Counties, and declaring an emergency."

The Chair laid the bill before the House, with the Senate amendments.

On motion of Mrs. Colson, the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

## Yeas-137

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Allen	Galbreath
Allison	Gilmer
Alsup	Goodman
Anderson	Gordon, Mrs.
Bailey	Hale
Baker	Hamilton
of Fort Bend	Hankamer
Baker of Grayson	Hardeman
Bell	Hardin
Blankenship	Harp
Boyd	Harper
Boyer	Harrell of Bastrop
Bradbury	Harrell of Lamar
Bradford	Harris
Bray	Hartzog
Bridgers	Heflin
Broadfoot	Holland
Brown of Cherokee	
Brown	Howington
of Nacogdoches	Hull
Bundy	Hunt
Burkett	Isaacks
Burney	Johnson of Ellis
Cauthorn	Johnson of Tarrant
Chambers	Keith
Clark	Kennedy
Cleveland	Kern
Cockrell	Kerr
Coleman	Kersey
Colquitt	Kinard
Colson, Mrs.	King
Cornett	Langdon
Corry	Lehman
Crossley	Leyendecker
Daniel	Little
Davis of Jasper	Lock
Davis of Upshur	London
Dean	Mays
Derden	McAlister
Dickison	McDonald
Dickson	McMurry
Donaghey	McNamara
Faulkner	Mohrmann
Ferguson	Monkhouse
Fielden	Montgomery
Fuchs	Morris

Newell Smith

Oliver of Matagorda

Pace Spencer Petsch Stinson Pevehouse Stoll Talbert Piner Pope Tarwater Ragsdale Taylor Reader of Bexar Tennant Reader of Erath Thornberry Reaves Thornton Reed Turner Rhodes Vale Riviere  $\mathbf{Vint}$ Voigt Roach Roberts Waggoner Robinson WeldonRussell Wells White Schuenemann Wilson Segrist Shell Winfree Skiles Wood Smith of Frio Worley Smith of Hopkins Wright

# Absent

Bond McDaniel Celaya McFarland Dwyer Nicholson Felty Westbrook

Loggins

Absent—Excused

Dowell

# HOUSE BILL NO. 802 WITH SEN-ATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Pope called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amend-

H. B. No. 802, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating proceedings heretofore had by certain cities in Texas, other than home-rule cities, for the issuance of revenue bonds and ad valorem tax bonds for the purpose of procuring funds to construct waterworks and sewer systems for such cities, validating the bonds to be issued pursuant to such proceedings and the indentures executed and to be executed as security for such bonds, authorizing the adoption of the proceedings necessary to complete the issuance of such bonds, validating proceedings had in the incorporation of such cities, providing the manner in which the assessed valuation of taxable property may be determined in such of said cities as have not heretofore levied taxes, repealing all con-resolution, it was adopted.

flicting Acts, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair laid the bill before the House, with the Senate amendments.

Mr. Pope moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments, and that a Conference Committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two Houses on the bill.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with the above action, the Chair announced the appointment of the following Conference Committee on House Bill No. 802: Messrs. Pope, Hankamer, Vale, Thornton and Celava.

# REQUESTING CERTAIN OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. Russell offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 185, Requesting certain opinion of the Attorney General.

Whereas, There is before the House of Representatives House Joint Resolution No. 16, proposing to submit to the people of Texas a Constitu-tional Amendment providing a two (2%) per cent sales tax and taxes upon natural resources to pay old age pensions and other social security obligations; and

Whereas, Under Article 6, Section 3-A, of the Constitution there is a very serious question as to who would be entitled to vote if said Constitutional Amendment were submitted to the people to be voted upon; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Chief Clerk of the House communicate this resolution to the Attorney General of the State of Texas for an opinion upon the question as to whether or not only taxpayers who have rendered property for taxation and are otherwise quali-fied, can vote in said election if said Constitutional Amendment is submitted to the people; and, be it further

Resolved, That said Attorney General give the House of Representa-tives a ruling on said constitutional provision not later than next Tuesday, March 28, 1939.

The resolution was read second time. Mr. Colquitt moved to table the resolution.

The motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring

# TO GRANT PERMISSION TO SUE THE STATE

The Chair laid before the House, for consideration, at this time, House Concurrent Resolution No. 52, To grant N. A. Moore permission to sue the State.

The resolution having heretofore been read second time, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The Committee on State Affairs having recommended the adoption of the resolution.

The resolution was adopted. (Mr. Allison in the Chair.)

# TO GRANT PERMISSION TO SUE THE STATE

The Chair laid before the House, for consideration, at this time, House Concurrent Resolution No. 53, To grant S. W. Knox and wife permission to sue the State.

The resolution having heretofore been read second time, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The Committee on State Affairs having recommended the adoption of the resolution.

The resolution was adopted.

# TO GRANT PERMISSION TO SUE THE STATE

The Chair laid before the House, for consideration, at this time, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, To grant Mrs. R. R. Jones permission to sue the State.

The resolution having heretofore been read second time, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The Committee on State Affairs having recommended the adoption of the resolution.

The resolution was adopted. (Mr. Leonard in the Chair.)

# PROVIDING FOR PORTRAIT OF GOVERNOR JAMES V. ALLRED

The Chair laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 23, Providing for portrait of Governor James V. Allred.

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That

(\$500.00) Dollars be paid out of the Contingent Expense Fund of the Fortysixth Legislature to pay for a suitable portrait of Governor James V. Allred, said portrait to be placed in the rotunda of the Capitol with the portraits of the other Governors of Texas. The portrait may be made by any artist agreeable to Governor James V. Allred, and before said portrait is accepted and placed by the Board of Control, such portrait offered shall be approved by Governor Allred.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

# AUTHORIZING THE LOAN CERTAIN HIGHWAY $\mathbf{OF}$ **EQUIPMENT**

The Chair laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 25, Authorizing the use of certain State Highway equipment.

Whereas, State Highway No. 36 passed through the City of Somerville; and

Whereas, The citizens of Somerville are desirous of paving the Main Street in the City of Somerville; and

Whereas, The amount of work to be done in so paving the Main Street is too small for the parties interested to let said paving by private contract;

Whereas, The State Highway Department has paving equipment now located in Burleson County; and

Whereas, The City of Somerville and the County of Burleson do not have the equipment with which to do said work themselves; and

Whereas, The law does not permit the State Highway Department to loan its equipment to any citizen or group of citizens for the purpose of doing

paving work; and
Whereas, It is believed to be advantageous to the people of Burleson County and to the State at large that the Main Street in Somerville be paved; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the State High-way Department be, and it is hereby, authorized to loan to the City of Somerville and the County of Burleson any of said Department's paving equipment with which to pave the Main the sum not to exceed Five Hundred Street in the City of Somerville on

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the condition that the City of Somerville and the County of Burleson pay all expenses and charges incurred and incident to the paving of the street aforesaid, and that the State Highway Department in no event is to be liable for any expenses or damages that may be suffered by anyone in the performance of said paving work, and that the City of Somerville and the County of Burleson shall return to the State Highway Department said paving equipment immediately upon the completion of said work, in as good condition as when the said equipment was loaned to the said City of Somerville and County of Burleson.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Alsup offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25, by striking out the words: "Whereas, the law does not permit the State Highway Department to loan its equipment to any citizen or group of citizens for the purpose of doing pavement work."

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 426 ON SECOND READING

Mr. Thornton moved that the necessary Rules, be suspended, for the purpose of taking up, and considering, at this time, House Bill No. 426.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair then laid before the House, on its second reading, and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 426, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay deficiency appropriations granted by the Governor during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 1936, and ending August 31, 1938, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 426 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Thornton moved that the constitutional rule, requiring bills to be read on three several days, be suspended, and that House Bill No. 426 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

#### **Yeas—133**

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l	Allen	Holland
l	Allison	Howard
l	Alsup	Howington
	Anderson	Hull
ŀ	Bailey	Hunt
	Baker	Isaacks
	of Fort Bend	Johnson of Ellis
١	Baker of Grayson	Johnson of Tarrant
	Bell	Keith
l	Blankenship	Kennedy
	Bond	Kern
	Boyd	Kerr
	Boyer	Kersey
	Bradbury	Kinard
	Bradford	King
	Bray	Langdon
ŀ	Bridgers	Lehman
	Broadfoot	Lock
	Brown of Cherokee	Loggins
	Bundy	London
	Burkett	Mays
	Burney	McAlister
l	Cauthorn	McDaniel
	Chambers	McDonald
	Clark	McFarland
	Cleveland	McMurry
	Cockrell	McNamara
	Coleman	Mohrmann
	Colquitt	Monkhouse
	Colson, Mrs.	Montgomery
	Cornett	Morris
	Corry	Newell
	Crossley	Nicholson
	Daniel	Oliver
	Davis of Upshur	Pace
	Dickison	Pevehouse
	Dickson	Piner
	Donaghey	Reader of Erath
	Dwyer	Reaves
	Faulkner	Reed
	Felty	Rhodes
	Ferguson	Riviere
	Fuchs	Roach
	Galbreath	Roberts
	Gilmer	Robinson
	Goodman	Russell
	Gordon, Mrs.	Schuenemann
	Hale	Segrist
	Hamilton	Shell
	Hankamer	Skiles
	Hardeman	Smith of Frio
	Hardin	Smith of Hopkins
	Harp	Smith
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	Harrell of Bastrop	Spencer
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#### Absent

Brown Leyendecker
of Nacogdoches Little
Celaya Petsch
Davis of Jasper Pope
Dean Ragsdale
Derden Reader of Bexar
Fielden Tarwater

#### Absent—Excused

#### Dowell

The Chair then laid House Bill No. 426 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

# Yeas-135

Allen Davis of Upshur Allison Dean Alsup Dickison Anderson Dickson Bailey Dwyer Baker Faulkner of Fort Bend Felty Baker of Grayson Ferguson Bell Fuchs Blankenship Galbreath Bond Gilmer Boyd Goodman Boyer Gordon, Mrs. Bradbury Hale Bradford Hamilton Bray Hankamer Bridgers Hardeman Broadfoot Hardin Brown of Cherokee Harp Bundy Harper Harrell of Bastrop Burkett Burney Harrell of Lamar Cauthorn Harris Chambers Hartzog Clark Heflin Cleveland Holland Cockrell Howard Coleman Howington Colquitt Hull Colson, Mrs. Hunt Cornett Isaacks Johnson of Ellis Corry Crossley Johnson of Tarrant Daniel Keith

Kennedy Roach Kern Roberts Kerr Robinson Kersey Russell Kinard Schuenemann King Segrist Langdon Shell Lehman Skiles Little Smith of Frio Lock Smith of Hopkins Loggins Smith of Matagorda London Mays Spencer McAlister Stinson Stoll McDaniel McDonald Talbert McFarland Taylor McMurry Tennant Thornberry McNamara Mohrmann Thornton Monkhouse Turner Montgomery Vale Morris  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{int}}$ Newell Voigt Nicholson Waggoner Weldon Oliver Pace Wells Westbrook Petsch Pevehouse White WilsonPiner Reader of Erath Winfree Reaves Wood Reed Worley Rhodes Wright Riviere

# Absent

Brown Fielden
of Nacogdoches Leyendecker
Celaya Pope
Davis of Jasper Ragsdale
Derden Reader of Bexar
Donaghey Tarwater

#### Absent—Excused

# Dowell

# MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Chair laid before the House, and had read, the following message from the Governor:

To the Members of the Forty-sixth Legislature:

On February 7th I submitted to you a message in which I recommended that a committee to be composed of the Chairman of the Committee on Penitentiaries in the House, and Chairman of the Committee on Penitentiaries in the Senate, together with six business men, two to be selected by the Lieutenant Governor, two by

the Speaker of the House and two by the Governor, be appointed. Said committee to make an inquiry into the business methods being used by the Prison System of the State, the object being to ascertain whether or not the Prison System could be operated on a better business basis. suggested the method above referred to of naming the committee in order to avoid any question of politics and I recommended the inclusion on the committee of the Chairman of the Committee on Penitentiaries both in the House and the Senate so that they as Representatives of the Legislature might be in a position to direct any legislation which the committee as a whole might determine to be desirable.

The fact is that the Prison System of Texas is costing taxpayers about One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars per annum. It seems to me that with the tremendous investment which the State has in prison property that this system should be made self-sustaining, but I stated frankly in my message to the Legislature that I did not have the detailed information which in my judgment was necessary to enable me to make recommendations on improvement of the prison management to the end that maximum efficiency might be obtained. To me it seems preposterous that an organization owning approximately 73,148 acres of land, with millions of dollars worth of buildings and machinery and equipment, and livestock, all paid for and no interest or taxes to pay, and in addition to that approximately 7,000 men working for no wages except their board and room and clothes, should show a loss instead of making a profit. With an organization like this any wide-awake business man would expect to make an enormous profit each year, yet the State is operating this organization at a loss of over \$11,000,000.00 during the past 10 years, or an average yearly loss of over One Million Dollars.

To make the proposition look still more preposterous, the State which owns this institution, meaning the this institution, meaning the System, also owns some eleemosynary institutions and schools and other institutions which use millions of dollars worth of food and clothes and manufactured articles which might just as well be grown and manufactured in the Prison System, giving a market for the products that could be made by these 7,000 men.

Although the Prison System now markets to the outside world, the products raised on its farms, in competition with the products raised by our Texas farmers, yet I would not advo-cate marketing manufactured goods made by Prison labor in competition with manufactured articles made by free labor outside the prison, but our State Government which owns the Prison certainly should manufacture in the prison most everything which it is now buying outside, and thus save thousands of dollars, and put the Prison System on a paying basis, instead of on a losing basis of over

One Million Dollars per year.

It was my thought that a committee of six outstanding business men, each selected from a different line of business, would be able to make recommendations to the Legislature and to the Governor which would result in saving at least a part of this Million Dollars annually of the taxpayers' money which we are spending. House Concurrent Resolution No. 32 which I have before me, makes no provision for the appointment of such a committee. It is therefore returned to you with my disapproval.

> Respectfully submitted, W. LEE O'DANIEL, Governor.

# INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Langdon offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 184, Invitation to Members of the House.

Whereas, The Young Democratic Clubs of Texas are honoring the Hon. E. B. Germany of Dallas, Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, in the City of Houston on Saturday, April 1, 1939, at 7:30 p. m., at the Houston Club; and
Whereas, This organization feels

that to reflect the proper honor and credit upon our nominal democratic leader of the State; and

Whereas, The Hon. Price Daniel, Member of the House of Representa-tives from Liberty County, is to be the toastmaster of said occasion; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the officials of the Young Democratic Clubs and its membership that the House of Representatives and the Senate be invited to attend said dinner; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Hon. Kirby H.

Jackson of Hillsboro, Chairman of the Invitation Committee, be invited today on the floor of the House of Representatives to extend a personal invitation to the Members of the House of Representatives.

LANGDON, PEVEHOUSE, HAMILTON.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Chair presented Mr. Langdon who introduced Mr. Kirby Jackson to the House.

Mr. Jackson then addressed the House extending the invitation to the Members of the House.

# SPECIAL ORDER SET

Mr. Petsch moved that the rules which prohibits the House from setting two special orders at the same time, be suspended for the purpose of making a motion to set House Joint Resolution No. 16 for a special order at 10:30 o'clock a. m., next Wednesday.

The motion prevailed by the fol-

lowing vote:

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# Yeas—118

Dickson Allison Alsup Donaghey Anderson Faulkner Felty Bailey Baker of Grayson Ferguson Blankenship Fielden Bond **Fuchs** Boyd Galbreath Gilmer Boyer' Bradbury Goodman Bradford Gordon, Mrs. Hale Bray Hamilton Bridgers Broadfoot Hankamer Brown of Cherokee Hardeman Bundy Hardin Harper Burkett Harrell of Bastrop Burney Harris Cauthorn Chambers Hartzog Heflin Clark Cleveland Howington Hull Cockrell Hunt Coleman Isaacks Colson, Mrs. Johnson of Ellis Cornett Johnson of Tarrant Corry Keith Crossley Kennedy Daniel Kern Davis of Upshur

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Kersey Roach Kinard Roberts Robinson King Langdon Russell Lehman Schuenemann Segrist Little Skiles Lock Smith of Frio Loggins Smith of Hopkins London Mays Smith of Matagorda McAlister Spencer McDaniel McDonald Stinson McFarland Talbert McMurry Tarwater Taylor McNamara Tennant Mohrmann Thornton Monkhouse Montgomery Turner Morris Vale Voigt Nicholson Waggoner Oliver Westbrook Pace Petsch Wilson Pevehouse Winfree Reader of Erath Wood Worley Reaves Rhodes Wright Riviere

# Nays—16

Piner Allen Reed Bell Stoll Colquitt Thornberry Davis of Jasper Dickison  $\mathbf{V}$ int Harp  $\mathbf{Weldon}$ Wells Holland White Newell

#### Absent

Baker Harrell of Lamar
of Fort Bend Howard
Brown Leyendecker
of Nacogdoches Pope
Celaya Ragsdale
Derden Reader of Bexar
Dwyer Shell

# Absent—Excused

# Dowell

Mr. Petsch then moved that House Joint Resolution. No. 16 be set for a special order at 10:30 o'clock a. m., next Wednesday, March 29.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

# Yeas--100

Allison Bailey
Alsup Baker of Grayson
Anderson Blankenship

Bond Kern Boyer Kerr Bradford Kersey Bray Kinard Broadfoot Lehman Brown of Cherokee Little Bundy Lock Burkett Mays Burney McAlister Chambers McDaniel Clark McDonald McFarland Cleveland McMurry Cockrell McNamara Coleman Colquitt Mohrmann Colson, Mrs. Monkhouse Cornett Nicholson Corry Oliver Crossley Pace Petsch Daniel Davis of Jasper Pevehouse Davis of Upshur Piner Reader of Erath Dean Dickson Reaves Rhodes Donaghey Faulkner Riviere Roach Felty Roberts Ferguson Fielden Robinson Russell Fuchs Gilmer Schuenemann

Segrist Goodman Gordon, Mrs. Skiles Hale Smith of Frio Hamilton Spencer Hankamer Stinson Talbert Hardin Taylor Harper Tennant Harris Hartzog Thornton Turner Heflin Howington Vale Voigt Hull Westbrook Hunt Johnson of Ellis Wilson Johnson of Tarrant Worley Kennedy Wright

# Nays—33

King Allen Langdon Bell Boyd London Bradbury Montgomery Bridgers Morris Cauthorn Newell Dickison Pope Galbreath Reed Hardeman Smith of Hopkins

Harp Smith

of Matagorda Harrell of Bastrop Stoll

Holland Isaacks

Keith

Thornberry

 $\mathbf{Vint}$ 

Waggoner White Weldon Winfree Wells Wood

# Present—Not Voting

Tarwater

#### Absent

Harrell of Lamar Baker of Fort Bend Howard Brown Leyendecker Loggins of Nacogdoches Celaya Ragsdale Reader of Bexar Derden Dwyer Shell

Absent-Excused

Dowell

# NOTICE GIVEN

Mr. Tennant gave notice that he would, on the next legislative day, move to take up for consideration, at that time, House Bill No. 18, which bill was heretofore laid on the table subject to call.

# RESOLUTION SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following enrolled resolution:

S. C. R. No. 22, Authorizing the loan of certain highway equipment.

# SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate Bill No. 216, to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senate Bill No. 256, to the Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

Senate Bill No. 308, to the Committee on Counties.

Senate Bill No. 335, to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senate Bill No. 338, to the Committee on Education.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Turner:

H. B. No. 906, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners Court of any county having a population of not less than thirty-seven thousand, five hundred (37,500) and not more than thirty-eight thousand, six hundred (38,600) inhabitants, according to the last preceding Federal Census, to allow each County the sum of Commissioner (\$50.00) Dollars per month for traveling expenses; providing for the source of payment of such expenses, and declaring an emergency.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

# By Mr. Petsch:

H. B. No. 907, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating road law in Blanco County, Texas, providing work on public roads by those liable to such work; providing tax in lieu of such work; providing penalty for failure to pay such tax; providing time of paying such tax and penalty; making failure to work, pay the tax and/or the penalty, a misdemeanor; affixing penalties therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Wright moved to introduce, at this time, and have placed on first reading, House Bill No. 908.

The roll of the House was called, on the above motion, and the vote announced, as follows: Yeas, 116; Nays, 21.

A verification of the vote was requested.

Mr. Morris moved a call of the House, pending the verification, and the call was duly ordered.

The roll of the "yeas" and "nays" was again called, and the verified vote resulted, as follows:

# Yeas-111

Burney	Lehman
Cauthorn	Leyendecker
Chambers	Lock
Cleveland	London
Cockrell	McDonald
Coleman	
Colonist	McMurry
Colquitt	McNamara Mahamann
Colson, Mrs.	Mohrmann
Cornett	Monkhouse
Corry	Montgomery
Crossley	Morris
Daniel	Oliver
Davis of Jasper Davis of Upshur	Pace
	Pevehouse
Derden	Piner
Dickison	Pope
Faulkner	Ragsdale
Felty	Reader of Bexar
Ferguson	Reader of Erath
Fielden	Reaves
Fuchs	Rhodes
Galbreath	Riviere
Gilmer	Roach
Goodman	Roberts
Gordon, Mrs.	Robinson
Hale	Russell
Hamilton	Segrist
Hardeman	Skiles
Hardin -	Smith of Frio
Harp	Smith of Hopkins
Harper	Spencer
Harrell of Bastrop	Stinson
Harrell of Lamar	Talbert
Harris	Tarwater
Hartzog	Tennant
Heflin	Thornberry
Howington	Turner
Hull	Vint
Hunt	Voigt
Isaacks	Waggoner
Johnson of Ellis	Weldon
Johnson of Tarrant	Wells
Keith	Westbrook
Kennedy	White
Kern	Wilson
Kerr	Winfree
Kersey	Worley

# Nays—23

King

Langdon

Wright

Allen Alsup Boyer Bradford Bray Clark Dean Dickson Donaghey Hankamer Howard	McAlister McFarland Newell Nicholson Reed Smith of Matagorda Stoll Taylor Thornton Vale
Howard Little	Vale Wood
Little	wood

# Absent

Anderson Loggins
Broadfoot Mays
Celaya McDaniel
Dwyer Petsch
Holland Schuenemann
Kinard Shell

# Absent—Excused

# Dowell

The Chair announced that the motion, by Mr. Wright, to introduce the bill, prevailed.

The Chair then laid the bill before the House, it was read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. Wright, Mr. Kern and Mr. Fielden:

H. B. No. 908, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide revenues for the purposes set out herein designated as social security taxes, such taxes to be levied upon transactions, services, activities, and natural resources as set out by the provisions of this Act; providing for severance taxes in certain instances, making certain exemptions; defining the terms 'person', 'sale', 'tangible personal property' and 'sale for industrial purposes'; providing that the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall collect the taxes levied herein and pay the same to the State Treasurer; providing that the State Treasurer shall open and maintain certain special funds; providing for the transfer from the Texas Old Age Assistance Fund to the Destitute Children's Assistance Fund of One Million, Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000.00) Dollars; providing for the transfer from the Texas Old Age Assistance Fund to the Teachers' Retirement Fund of an amount adequate to meet obligations for the period set out herein; providing that old age assist-ance, destitute children's assistance, retirement benefits teachers' needy blind assistance and the State's administration thereof shall be paid exclusively from the revenue derived from the taxes herein levied and providing that no further taxes shall be levied for such purpose; making provisions relative to any deficit that may exist in the Old Age Assistance Fund; providing that the taxes levied herein are in addition to all other taxes that are now or may hereafter | Hartzog be levied; prohibiting cities or other Heflin political subdivisions of the State Holland

from levying occupation taxes or charges upon any person engaged in business in which the sales or service transactions are taxed under this Act and making certain exceptions; providing the effective date of this Act; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and providing a saving clause."

Referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hardin moved that the House adjourn until 10:00 o'clock a. m., next Monday.

Mr. Wood moved that the House recess until 2:00 o'clock p. m., today.

Question first recurring on the motion to adjourn, year and nays were demanded.

The motion to adjourn prevailed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-77

Anderson Hull Isaacks Baker Johnson of Ellis of Fort Bend Johnson of Tarrant Baker of Grayson Bell Keith Blankenship Kennedy Bond Little Boyd Loggins Boyer  $\mathbf{Mays}$ McAlister Bradbury McDaniel Bradford McFarland Bray Bridgers McMurry Brown of Cherokee McNamara Mohrmann Cauthorn Morris Celaya Cockrell Newell Coleman Nicholson Daniel Pace Pevehouse Davis of Upshur Piner Dean Pope Derden Dickson Reaves Reed Donaghey Faulkner Riviere Felty Robinson Ferguson Schuenemann Galbreath Segrist Gilmer Shell Goodman Smith of Frio Gordon, Mrs. Smith of Matagorda Hankamer Hardeman Talbert Hardin Taylor Tennant Thornberry Thornton

Vale Vint Voigt

Wilson Winfree

# Nays-60

Allen Allison Alsup Bailey Broadfoot Bundy Burkett Burney Chambers Clark Cleveland

Kersey Kinard King Langdon Lehman Lock London McDonald Monkhouse Oliver Petsch

Colquitt Colson, Mrs. Cornett Corry

Reader of Erath Rhodes Roach Roberts

Crossley Davis of Jasper Russell Skiles

Stoll

Dickison Fielden Fuchs

Smith of Hopkins Spencer Stinson

Hale Hamilton Harp Harper Harrell of Bastrop Weldon

Tarwater Turner Waggoner Wells Westbrook Wood

Howington Hunt Kern Kerr

Harris

Worley Wright

#### Absent

Brown of Nacogdoches Dwyer

Levendecker Montgomery Ragsdale

Harrell of Lamar Howard

Reader of Bexar

White

Absent—Excused

# Dowell

The House, accordingly, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a. m., next Monday.

# APPENDIX

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committees have filed favorable reports on bills and resolution, as follows:

State Eleemosynary and Reformatory Institutions: House Bills Nos. 126, 539 and 664.

State Affairs: Senate Bill No. 281. such amendment; and providing what

Highways and Motor Traffic: House

Constitutional Amendments: House Joint Resolution No. 38.

Conservation and Reclamation: House Bill No. 892.

Education: House Bill No. 525.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments filed an adverse report on House Joint Resolution No. 15.

The Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic filed an adverse report on House Bill No. 731.

The Committee on State Affairs filed an adverse report, with a minority favorable report, on House Bill No. 238.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 23, 1939. Hon. R. Emmett Morse, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. J. R. No. 16, Proposing an amendment to Section 51b of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, giving the Legislature power by General Laws to provide for the payment of old age assistance subject to certain limitations, and fixing the qualifications of recipients of old age assistance and fixing the maxi-mum amount of assistance which may be granted by the State, and providing old age assistance shall not be paid except to persons who are in need and otherwise qualified to receive such assistance; defining the word "need;" providing that old age assistance shall not be construed as a vested right in recipients of old age assistance; providing for authority to accept aid from the Government of the United States for old age assistance; levying and providing for the collection of a transaction tax of one and six-tenths (1.6%) per cent on the amount of actual value passing by each transaction and providing for the payment of such tax, and providing that where the amount of value which passes by a transaction is fixed by law, the tax of one and six-tenths (1.6%) per cent of such value shall be collected on the last transaction only; defining the words "value," "person" and "transaction" as used in

transactions shall be exempt from said transaction tax; providing that production of natural resources of this State shall be subject to such transaction tax and fixing the date such tax shall be effective against such production, and determining the person liable for such tax; providing that if such transaction tax against production of natural resources fails or cannot be collected, a severance tax of one and six-tenths (1.6%) per cent of the value of such production be and is levied on such production in lieu of said transaction tax; providing for collection of such tax by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and payment thereof to the State Treasurer; providing that such tax funds shall be credited to the Texas Old Age Assistance Fund, and requiring the transfer of certain of such funds to the Confederate Soldiers Pension Fund, Destitute Children Assistance Fund and Teacher's Retirement Fund, and fixing the amount and time of such transfers; providing for the ex-clusive use which shall be made of such funds, and providing that no other tax shall be levied for the payment of old age assistance, Confederate Soldiers pensions, destitute children assistance and teachers' retirement pensions; providing for payment of part of surplus tax into General Fund of the State; allocating such tax funds in case the same be inadequate to pay assistance as provided in this amendment; prohibiting counties, cities and other political subdivisions from levying transaction tax; giving the Legislature power by General Laws to provide for administration of the provisions contained herein and for the collection of all taxes herein levied; proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 1-b to Article VIII, abolishing all State ad valorem taxes from and after January 1, 1941, except as to property situated in counties or political subdivisions re-ceiving a remission of State taxes, and further providing that State revenue received from cigarette tax shall be allocated to Available School Fund, and specifying what use may be made thereof; providing for submission of amendment to qualified electors of the State and fixing the time of such election; providing for the necessary proclamation and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of Felty

proclamation, publication and election.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

# FORTY-FOURTH DAY

(Monday, March 27, 1939)

The House met at 10:00 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Morse.

The roll of the House was called, and the following Members were present:

Ferguson Mr. Speaker Fielden Allen Fuchs Allison Galbreath Alsup Gilmer Anderson Goodman Bailey Gordon, Mrs. Baker of Grayson Bell Hale Hamilton Blankenship Hankamer Bond Boyd Hardeman Boyer Hardin Bradbury Harp Bradford Harper

Bray Harrell of Bastrop Bridgers Harrell of Lamar

Broadfoot Harris
Brown of Cherokee Hartzog
Brown Heflin
of Nacogdoches Holland
Bundy Howard

Bundy
Burkett
Burney
Cauthorn
Celava
Howard

Chambers Johnson of Ellis
Clark Johnson of Tarrant

Cleveland Keith Cockrell Kennedy Coleman Kern Kerr Colquitt Colson, Mrs. Kersev Cornett Kinard Corry King Langdon Crossley Lehman Daniel

Davis of Jasper
Davis of Upshur
Dean
Derden
Dickison
Dickson
Donaghey

Leonard
Leyendecker
Lock
Lock
Loggins
London
Mays

Dwyer McAlister
Faulkner McDaniel
Felty McDonald